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869. The bulk of the requirements of the printing, writing and other papers and mill boards was obtained from the Mysore Paper Mills, Ltd., Bhadravathi.

870. The economy orders of Government limiting the supply of stationery articles to 50 per cent of the quantities provided in the standing lists or annual idents were relaxed in respect of seven essential items of stationery in November 1949. The supply of stationery articles to the several Municipalities and Local Boards in the State on payment was continued to be made during the year.

871. Articles of Mysore manufacture purchased during the year comprised the printing and writing papers from the Mysore Paper Mills Ltd., Bhadravati, Blue Black and Red Ink powders from Messrs. Desi Ink Works, Jain's Ink Depot, Home Industries and Khoday Ribbon, Carbon and Allied Industries, Pen holders from Shree Toys Factory, Channapatna, and Hand-made paper from the Superintendent of Industries, Bangalore Division. The total value of these articles including printing and writing papers amounted to Rs. 7,48,546.

(iv) Libraries.

872. There were 2 public libraries at Bangalore and Mysore for which grants amounting to Rs. 10.000 and Rs. 5,500, respectively were paid during the year.

(v) Meteorology.

873. The first class observatory at Bangalore was equipped with autographic instruments for recording pressure, temperatures of air in shade, wind velocity, wind direction, rainfall and hours of bright sunshine. The observatories at Mysore, Hassan and Chitaldrug were of the second class. The stations at Balehonnur Coffee Research Station and the Nandi Hill belonged to the fourth class. There were seven minor Meteorological Stations located at Mandya, Tumkur, Kolar, Shimoga, Chickmagalur, Mudigere and Hiriyur, for the collection of temperature and humidity data at those places for the use of the Public Health Department to study the occurrence of epidemics in the State.

874. All the self-recording instruments in the Central Observatory at Bangalore worked satisfactorily. The hourly readings obtained from them were reduced and tabulated